Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., today announced the awarding of two federal grants totaling \$703,257 that will improve health care and safety in the south suburbs.

The Family Christian Health Center, located in Harvey, received a \$649,707 Health Center Cluster Program Grant funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. The Family Christian Health Center delivers preventive and primary care to patients regardless of their ability to pay.

Dr. William Crevier, Executive Director of the center, commented, "This grant will enable our center to expand primary care, obstetrics, and mental health services. Funding will also provide for equipment to be used in our expanded facility that is scheduled for construction in one year."

Also, the University Park Fire Department received a \$53,550 Fire Grant funded through the Department of Homeland Security. The grant will enable the fire department to install smoke exhaust systems on vehicles to reduce smoke inhalation for employees and citizens.